IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: GOLF CLUB

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

- 3. A golf club according to claim 1, wherein metal pieces having different thicknesses are fixed together by means of laser welding.
- 4. A golf club according to claim 1, wherein metal pieces made of different metals are fixed together by means of laser welding.
- 6. A golf club according to claim 4, wherein at least 60% of the respective metal pieces are made of the same metal.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

- 3. A golf club according to claim [1 or 2] 1, wherein metal pieces having different thicknesses are fixed together by means of laser welding.
- 4. A golf club according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein metal pieces made of different metals are fixed together by means of laser welding.
- 6. A golf club according to claim [4 or 5] 4, wherein at least 60% of the respective metal pieces are made of the same metal.